

Memorandum

Date: November 30, 2004

To: Robert Lee, Chairman of M.A.G. Building Codes Committee

From: Cheryl Levandowski, Chairperson of M.A.G/RPR. Building Inspector/Plans Examiner Forum

Subject: Recommendation to the M.A.G. Building Codes Committee for the uniform requirement of Weep Screed per IRC R703.6.2.1

The Building Inspector/Plans Examiner Forum puts forth the recommendation to the MAG Building Codes Committee to consider this as a written interpretation of the specified code section.

Whereas, the requirements of the 2003 IRC Section R703.6.2.1, states “The weep screed shall be placed a minimum of 4 inches (102mm) above the earth or 2 inches (51 mm) above paved areas and shall be of a type that will allow trapped water to drain to the exterior of the building.”

The clearance required above the paved areas cannot be maintained when the Builder provides a no step entry.

Analysis of discussion and recommendation

It is the purpose of this code section to allow excess moisture inside the wall to drain to the exterior of the building. It is the consensus of the BI/PE forum to allow, as an alternate method, the installation of deco drain directly below the weep screed to meet this requirement.